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SUBJECT: FRENCH SUPPLY OF REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN

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I MET WITH MUNIR KAHN, CHAIRMAN, PAKISTAN AEC,

PRIOR TO IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING FEB. 24.

DISCUSSION CENTERED ON SAFEGUARDS TRILATERAL AND

RATIONALE FOR PROJECT, WITH EMPHASIS ON LATTER.

I REPEATED ARGUEMENTS MADE TO AMB. SATTAR (REPORTED
REFTEL).

1. PAKISTAN HAS NOW ONLY SMALL HWR, A TYPE
ADVERTISED BY CANADIANS TO REQUIRE NO RPT NO
REPROCESSING.

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2. PLANNED POWER PROGRAM FOR PAKISTAN SHOWS NEED FIRST FOR REACTORS, NOT RPT NOT REPROCESSING PLANTS.

3. KAHN WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO HAVE HIS PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN AGENCY STUDY AND WAIT FOR RESULTS BEFORE MAKING DECISION FOR SMALL NATIONAL PLANT.

4. U.S. ASSISTANCE REQUIRING NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT, EXPORTS, LOANS, ETC. WOULD IN TAPE'S OPINION BE IMPOSSIBLE IN FACE OF DETERMINED PAKISTAN EFFORT TO PROCEED WITH REPROCESSING PLANT. KAHN WELL AWARE OF WASHINGTON CONCERNS AND STATED ISSUE IS FOR CAPITALS AND NOT VIENNA. HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE PAKISTAN'S NEEDS, ESPECIALLY LONG-TERM MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, AND GETTING STARTED EARLY. PRESENT PLAN ENVISAGES NUCLEAR PARK CONCEPT COMPRISED OF TWO 600 MW AND TWO 900 MW REACTORS, FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY, REPROCESSING FACILITY (100 T PER YEAR WOULD PROBABLY MATCH 3000 MW TOTAL CAPACITY) AND WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY. SITE IS PLANNED FOR INDUS RIVER LOCATION. KAHN ALSO VISUALIZES SECOND SUCH MAJOR SITE.

5. KAHN REFERRED TO TALKS WITH IRAN HIS REMARKS WERE VERY GENERAL. HE IDENTIFIED AREAS OF COOPERATION SUCH AS MULTINATIONAL REPROCESSING PLANT IN PAKISTAN WITH SEAPORT AVAILABILITY FOR RECEIVING SPENT FUEL, PERMANENT WASTE STORAGE FACILITY (ARID REGION) AND SUPPLY OF SKILLED MANPOWER. KAHN NOTED THAT IRAN FOR LONG TIME WILL HAVE SKILLED MANPOWER DEFICIENCIES IN IMPLEMENTING NEW PROGRAMS, NUCLEAR OR NON-NUCLEAR. FOREGOING FOR INFO. TAPE

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